

## SENATE—Wednesday, May 17, 2000

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable Wayne ALLARD, a Senator from the State of Colorado.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, we thank You for Your care. We can cast all our cares on You because You have shown us that You care for all our needs. Help us emulate the depth of Your caring in our relationships and responsibilities.

In a culture that has become careless, help us to really care. Seven words help us to express this character trait of caring. May we communicate to one another in word and action, "I really care about what concerns you!" Help us to truly mean that. Show us what we can do to affirm our caring for people. Whisper in our hearts the words of encouragement those around us need to hear from us.

Help us to care for our Nation and its future. May the Senators' caring for every phase of our society be an example to America. We intercede for our Nation. May there be a great crusade of caring beginning here and spreading across this land. May children see from their parents and leaders that caring is not only crucial, it is the crux of our civilization. We dedicate ourselves to caring because You care for us so consistently. Make us courageous, caring people. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable WAYNE ALLARD led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, May 17, 2000.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WAYNE ALLARD, a Senator from the State of Colorado, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,  
President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order the leadership time is reserved.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Pennsylvania is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I have been asked to make a statement on behalf of the leader at the outset.

Today, the Senate will resume consideration of the military construction appropriations bill. Senator SPECTER will be recognized to speak for up to 30 minutes under the previous order. Following that statement, the Senate will have approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes on the Daschle and Lott amendments to the military construction appropriations legislation. Votes on those amendments are scheduled to occur at approximately 1:30 p.m.

It is the intention of the leader to complete action on the military construction appropriations bill during today's session, with the hope of beginning consideration of the foreign operations appropriations bill no later than Thursday.

Senators can anticipate votes throughout the day and throughout the remainder of the week.

### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2557 and S. 2567

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk due for their second reading. I make that statement on behalf of the leader.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bills by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2557) to protect the energy security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50 percent by the year 2010 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources, conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies, mitigating the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 2567) to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pitt-

man-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and for other purposes.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I object to further proceedings on these bills at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the rule, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will now resume consideration of the S. 2521, which the clerk will report by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2521) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense, for the fiscal year ending 2001 and for other purposes.

Pending:

Daschle amendment No. 3148, to express the sense of the Senate with regard to the Million Mom March and gun safety legislation.

Lott amendment No. 3150, to express the sense of the Senate with regard to the second amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the enforcement of Federal firearms laws, and the juvenile crime conference.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be 4 hours of debate equally divided between the two leaders or their designees for the purpose of debating the Daschle amendment No. 3148 and the Lott amendment No. 3150.

Under the previous order, the Senator from Pennsylvania, Mr. SPECTER, is recognized to speak for up to 30 minutes.

### NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I thank the leader for entering the order giving me 30 minutes for a statement this morning. I have sought that time to speak on what I believe to be one of the most important issues which will be presented to the Congress this year; that is, the issue of permanent normal trade relations for the People's Republic of China.

The Senate is scheduled to take up this issue sometime next month, depending upon what the House of Representatives does. The House of Representatives is scheduled to consider this matter next week. I thought it appropriate to make this statement at this time, to give my views on important issues of weapons of mass destruction and nuclear proliferation, insights